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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1982

cron file
Sioux

Dear Mr. King:

You have asked our office to reply to your questions regarding the Sioux Tribes and public lands received by the State of South Dakota.

I have been informed by the Acting Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, of the correct office where you can get your answers.

The Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management, has jurisdiction over public lands in South Dakota, and was instrumental in effecting the transfer referred to in the Rapid City Journal article. Also, this office would have copies of the documents you are seeking.

Its address is:

Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 30157
Billings, Montana 59107

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your group here in Washington, and if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell

Special Assistant to the President

Mr. John King, Jr.
Black Hills Sioux Nation Council
P.O. Box 194
St. Francis, South Dakota 57572

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1982

cron file
veterans
correspondence

Dear Mr. Collatos:

Thank you for your letter of December 11.

The Office of Public Liaison does not maintain a veterans affairs mailing list. However, we will see to it that you are invited to appropriate meetings.

If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles N. Collatos
Commissioner
Veterans Services
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
100 Cambridge St.
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

cc. Red Cavaney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 4, 1982

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Dear Tony:

Thank you very much for inviting me to attend the USIC Educational Foundation's February 26, 1982 conference, "New Challenges to American Business: Domestic and International Problems Ahead".

Unfortunately, I cannot attend because the travel budget of the Office of Public Liaison is limited.

Please keep up your excellent work.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Anthony Harrigan
USIC Educational Foundation
Realtor's Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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resumes*

January 12, 1982

Dear Admiral Dunn:

In a recent conversation with Dr. Alice McGill, I understand that you have decided to develop a plan for a health promotion program. I congratulate you on this decision.

I also understand from Dr. McGill that you may be fortunate to persuade her to join the Navy Department in the development of this program. Throughout this past year, Dr. McGill has worked with American Indian groups in assisting them to establish health promotion activities. It was in connection with my work as White House Liaison to Indian groups that I came to have three rewarding meetings with her.

In her work, she has involved corporate leadership as a means of minimizing the federal role and capitalizing on the many resources of the private sector. With Dr. McGill's background and experience in breaking new ground in health promotion in both the corporate world and among American Indian groups, she appears well prepared to initiate a major new program in health promotion.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Rear Admiral Robert F. Dunn
Commander
Navy Military Personnel Command
The Navy Department
Washington, D.C. 20370

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

war file
Ex Prisoners of War

Dear Commander Morgan:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of December 10 recommending several candidates for membership on the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War.

I have referred your letter to officials of the Veterans Administration, who have asked me to convey to you their appreciation for this helpful information. The names you submitted will be given every consideration for the responsibilities of this important committee.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles A. Morgan, Jr.
National Commander
American Ex-Prisoners of War
434 Balfour Drive
San Antonio, TX 78239

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 19, 1982

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Dear Dr. Redbird:

I am sorry I could not attend the January 9, 1982 meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education in Nashville, Tennessee on January 9.

My schedule did not permit me to attend. Nevertheless, if I can be of assistance to you in the future, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Dr. Helen Redbird
National Advisory Council on Indian Education
Suite 362
425 12th St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1982

Dear Jack:

I am pleased that we have been able to arrange a personal meeting for you February 16 with the President, and I look forward to escorting you to the Oval Office at that time.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your January 25 telegram to Secretary Watt urging him to approve the proposed design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Your views will undoubtedly bear heavily on his decision.

Telegrams necessarily carry a tone of urgency, but I was surprised at your opening statement of deep concern at Secretary Watt's "hesitancy in approving construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

If you review the matter, you will almost certainly conclude that the Secretary deserves praise, not criticism, for the careful process by which he has gathered information on which to base his decision.

As soon as serious objections to the proposed design arose in the veterans and service organization community, I contacted the offices of major groups to sound out opinion. Until receipt of my copy of your telegram yesterday, I was repeatedly assured by your D.C. office that the Legion strongly supports building a memorial but that you had no position for or against the proposed design. The V.F.W. has an identical position.

On the other hand, the Marine Corps League and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association sent representatives to my office strongly objecting to the proposed design. Similarly, some well known Vietnam veterans who had been prominent in the 1980 Reagan campaign came in to urge that the design be substantially changed.

So far as I know, only one veterans organization, the Vietnam Veterans of America, had contacted anyone in the Administration in favor of the design prior to your telegram. The VVA, of course, recently had a leadership delegation in Hanoi laying a wreath on the grave of Ho Chi Minh, which calls into question their status as judges of appropriate memorials.

Despite the several columns and articles pro and con on the design, there has been very little interest in the subject at the grassroots. For example, the President has received hardly any letters on the subject, but eighty percent have been negative on design.

In the process of reaching his mandated decision on this design, the Secretary has sought out for their views the major proponents and opponents of the proposal. He checked repeatedly with me to gauge the input to our Office of Public Liaison. This is an important decision, one which will affect our nation's capital long after we all are gone. We have to get it right the first time.

If you agree with me, I hope you will personally call the Secretary to clarify your telegram and make sure that no criticism of his policy to date is circulated by your office to the Legion membership.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Jack Flynt
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K. St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This is to confirm our appointment on February 8th at 8:30 A.M. for the purpose of discussing the Russian Christians who are in the American Embassy in Moscow and to deliver letters from students at Lee College to the President regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Rev. Carl Richardson
Church of God
Executive Offices
Keith and 25th Streets N.W.
Cleveland, Tennessee 37311

*also sent him copy of
Congressman Chris Smith's
bill regarding
Siberian Seven - H.R. 269*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

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Dear Wes:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 16.

Please feel free to use my analysis of Republican prospects in the upcoming congressional elections, with or without attribution. However, please do not use Pinkerton's name or office in your proposed article.

I enjoyed your article on the concerns of conservatism. It's right on target.

Cordially,

Morton

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

W. Wesley McDonald
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
Elizabethtown College
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

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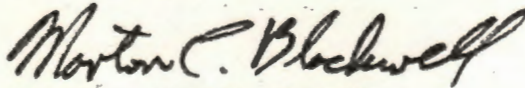
Dear Mr. Moakley:

On behalf of Mrs. Dole, I want to thank you for your letter of January 21 on private sector initiatives.

As you requested, I have enclosed a copy of the President's October 21 speech before the National Alliance of Business, and other material on the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Terence J. Moakley
Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Assn.
432 Park Ave., South
New York, N.Y. 10016

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1982

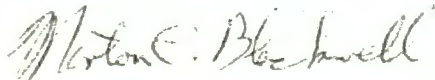
Dear General Roberts:

On behalf of the President, I am replying to your kind invitation for him to attend your Reserve Officers Association 1982 Mid-Winter Banquet.

Unfortunately, his schedule is such that he will not be able to attend. However, he certainly is looking forward to meeting with you and your Association's National officers on February 16th in the Oval Office.

Thank you for this invitation, and the President certainly wishes the Reserve Officers Association all the best in the future.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS (Ret.)
Reserve Officers Association
Executive Director
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1982

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Dear Helen Marie:

I saw your Stop ERA letter in the February 6 "Richmond Times-Dispatch".

It was a great letter. You congratulated the paper, gave the reasons why the proponents are wrong, zapped their unfairness, brought out the clincher argument about the drafting of women, and politely threatened political extinction to anyone stupid to vote against the people's wishes.

Won't it be great to celebrate our second and permanent victory this summer?

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Helen Marie Taylor
Meadowfarm
Rt. 2, Box 36
Orange, VA 22960

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1982

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Dear Mr. Prueher:

Mrs. Dole asked me to respond to your letter of February 8.

The Office of Public Liaison is the President's liaison to organized groups, including religious groups. Our office has had no dealings with the group you mention.

Thanks for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Terry N. Prueher
779 9th Ave., North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1982

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for including my wife and me at your table during the Anniversary Inaugural Ball on January 20. We appreciate your hospitality.

The next time you are in Washington, please let me know. I would like to invite you to lunch as my guest at the White House Mess.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Clyde E. Miller
Miller Brothers
Post Office Box 146
Allegan, MI 49010

Blackwell personal

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 22, 1982

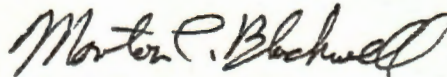
Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for sending me a subscription to American Heritage magazine.

The article in your February/March issue on the FDR tapes was particularly interesting.

Again, thanks for the subscription.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

S.P. Reed
Chairman
American Heritage Publishing Co.
10 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10020

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Indian Congress.

February 24, 1982

Dear President Waln:

Thank you for your letter of February 1.

I was interested in your problem regarding the construction of a replacement hospital for your tribe in south central South Dakota. However, the Office of Public Liaison is not a policy office. We do not make determinations regarding Federal programs.

We could assist you in setting up a meeting for you with appropriate policy officials.

Please contact my office if I can help along these lines.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

President Carl Waln
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Rosebud Indian Reservation
Rosebud, S.D. 57570

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Private Sector
JLH*

February 24, 1982

Dear Mr. Williamson:

Thank you for your letter of January 14.

I appreciate your sending me a copy of your letter on involving churches in charitable activities in the Third World.

I suggest you write to Bill Verity, the Chairman of the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives, about your interesting proposal. His address is:

C. William Verity, Jr.
734 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. John A. Williamson
Williamson, Merrill, Taylor & Darling
12 Office Park Circle
P.O. Box 7552-A
Birmingham, AL 35253

Pro-Life

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1982

Dear Mr. Doerflinger:

Thank you for sending me survey research on public attitudes towards the pro-life cause. I found Dr. Adamek's testimony especially interesting.

We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the unborn.

When we set up the pro-life meeting with the President on January 22, we made every effort to have a balanced and representative meeting. The participants included several prominent Catholics. We seated Father Fiore near the President. And we understood Mr. Ohlhoff enjoys a particularly close relationship with the Bishops Conference.

I am enclosing a copy of a follow-up memo I sent to participants of the January 22 meeting.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Richard Doerflinger
Legislative Assistant
National Conference of Catholic Bishops
Bishops' Committee For Pro-Life Activities
1312 Massachusetts Av., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1982

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personal*

Dear John:

I want to congratulate everyone connected with The Madison Report for putting out an excellent publication. You did a fine job of editing my remarks.

I wholeheartedly endorse what you are doing. I wish every college campus had a newspaper which presents the conservative viewpoint on important issues.

I enjoyed meeting with you during my December trip to Princeton.

If I can be of further assistance in the future, please contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. John K. Goodwin
Publisher
The Madison Report
P.O. Box 1347
Princeton, N.J. 08540

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1982

Dear Rev. Richardson:

Thank you for presenting me with petitions for President Reagan on the plight of the seven Russian Christians now living in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. I have called them to the attention of the President.

I agree the Soviets must be pressured to at last release the Siberian Seven. The State Department is monitoring this situation closely.

Please feel free to forward to me any other information or suggestions you may have.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Rev. Carl Richardson
Keith & 25th St.
Cleveland, IN 37311

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1982

Mr. Stephen R. Keefe
3831 North 9th Street
Apartment 6
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Dear Mr. Keefe:

It is probably unwise for me to take the time for further communication with you. But, on the chance that something I write you may do some good, I will respond to your letter of February 23. (You sent me a xerox copy, not your letter to me.)

My job at the White House is as liaison for the President with five major categories of groups. We work with these groups to develop a consensus for the President's policies. This does not include case work. My job description does not include personnel work, and any involvement in this area is incidental. I have my hands full dealing with the leaders of the nation's veterans, service, religious, conservative and Indian groups.

You may think I am obligated to respond personally to every telephone call and letter I receive. That is a physical impossibility.

In an effort to help you, I forwarded your resume to a friend in White House Personnel with a request for advice and assistance. The response was that the position you seek is not in the purview of the White House. I was advised to encourage you to re-apply at CIA. I asked my assistant, Mrs. Shortley, to convey this promptly to you.

What you describe as your frustration came across to her as insulting rudeness. She is not easy to insult. I often try.

You angrily objected to speaking with her rather than me. What you leaped to conclude was a runaround was simply a necessary business procedure. Leaders of multi-million member organizations cheerfully conduct their liaison with our office in this manner.

If you had been in our office similarly venting your frustration, you would have been escorted out.

You are entitled to your opinion of the extent to which I labor to help young conservatives. You may very well have done more than I to help get conservatives elected and appointed to office. I hope so. We should all do all we can.

Perhaps the passage of time will cool your anger.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President

bcc. Gary Jamin
Dan Graham

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1982

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Dear Aubrey:

Thank you for sending me the latest update of your private organizations directory.

We are presently working towards a White House briefing for organization chairman which may include President Reagan.

Please keep me informed of your concerns and let me know where we can help.

Again, thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Morton

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Aubrey C. King
National Club Association
1625 Eye St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

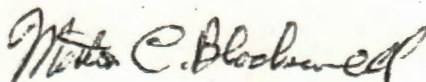
March 2, 1982

Dear Ron:

Enclosed is a mailing I received from the Institute of Politics at Harvard. I am not interested in accepting their offer because it appears that they, rather than I, would be selecting the student who would "shadow" me for a day.

I thought you might like to consider making such an offer to Administration officials. I'd be happy to consider someone you would select, and I'll bet lots of other people here would as well.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Dr. Ronald Godwin
Executive Director
The Moral Majority
499 S. Capitol Street
Suite 101
Washington, D.C. 20003

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1982

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Dear Mr. Raber:

I understand that you are considering Kevin Richardson for a position in your governmental relations department. I want to take this opportunity to give you my highest recommendation for Kevin. He would be a fine addition to any government relations team.

I met Kevin a few years ago at a political training school I conducted. We have been close personal and political friends since that time. Kevin worked with the Reagan campaign organization on a number of projects. He has always been dependable, hard-working, competent, creative and loyal.

This young man can deal with complex political problems and find practical, workable solutions.

Please feel free to call me if you would like further insights into this fine young man.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Clifford H. Raber
Director
Government Relations
McDonald's Corporation
McDonald's Plaza
Oakbrook, IL 60521

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1982

Dear Ed:

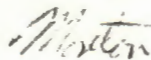
Enclosed is a sheet from the Progress Products Company which apparently is in the harness business.

One of the people is Reverend Leon H. Sullivan who is on the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives.

Rev. Sullivan and his associates in an organization called OIC Corporate Communications are having discussions with several Administration officials about a wide range of private sector initiatives and government programs.

I would appreciate your giving me a call if you have any familiarity with the Progress Products Company. I'd like your thoughts and recommendations regarding our dealings with them.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell

Mr. Edward Antosh
1524 North Oklahoma Avenue
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

cc. Steve Antosh

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

Dear Mr. Alamo:

Herb Ellingwood passed on to me the materials concerning your organizations suit with the Department of Labor.

I am looking into this matter. I have requested the Labor Board in Dallas to provide me with a complete update on the nature of their complaint, and will look further into this matter.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Tony Alamo
Tony & Susan Alamo Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 398
Alma, Arkansas 72921

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

Dear Ray:

Attached is a letter I received from Reed Larson, President of the National Right to Work Committee.

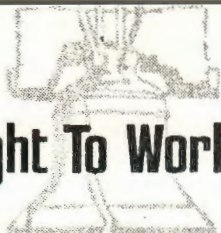
I think the contents will be interesting to you.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

The Honorable Raymond Donovan
Secretary of Labor
Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.



National Right To Work Committee

COALITION OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS

REED LARSON, *President*

March 4, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Morton, here's the latest bulletin on the effort of various members of the business community to push Donovan out of office.

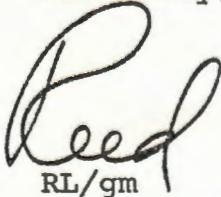
A member of the kitchen cabinet called me yesterday to get my reaction to Maurice L. Mosier as a replacement for Donovan. He had been approached to contact the White House on Mosier's behalf, but wanted our appraisal of him first.

Mosier is President of an organization called The National Constructors Association. In researching his background, we found that one of the major purposes of NCA, the organization he heads, was to fight the spread of open shop construction.

The objectives of Mosier's organization are best illustrated by the attached excerpt from Plant Facilities magazine: "Many (NCA member) company presidents regard project agreements as the most valuable tool currently available in meeting open shop competition and several cited the National Industrial Agreement, currently being negotiated by the (National Constructors) Association with the building trades unions, as a possible means for reversing the open shop tide."

Lane Kirkland oughtta just love Mosier as Labor Secretary.

Sincerely,



RL/gm
Attachment

Better times ahead for NCA members

Member companies of the National Constructors Association are averaging an 11% higher backlog of engineering design and construction work than they did a year ago, according to Maurice L. Mosier, the group's president.

Of those responding in the NCA annual business outlook survey, 60% said their backlogs were higher on January 1, 1978, than on the same day last year.

basis are slightly more optimistic about foreign work in 1978 than about domestic operations.

Sixteen of the reporting companies in the NCA survey indicated they were preparing for more foreign engineering design work than in 1977 while 14 predicted an increase in foreign construction work.

The numbers of companies anticipating less foreign work were six and seven in the areas of design and

less. As for succeeding years, the numbers are: 1980, 15 and 5; 1981, 9 and 6; 1982, 9 and 7.

The survey disclosed a nearly unanimous view that the open shop poses an increasingly serious problem to union contractors and building trades unions. Many company presidents regard project agreements as the most valuable tool currently available in meeting open shop competition and several cited the National Industrial Agreement, currently being negotiated by the Association with the building trades unions, as a possible means for reversing the open shop tide.

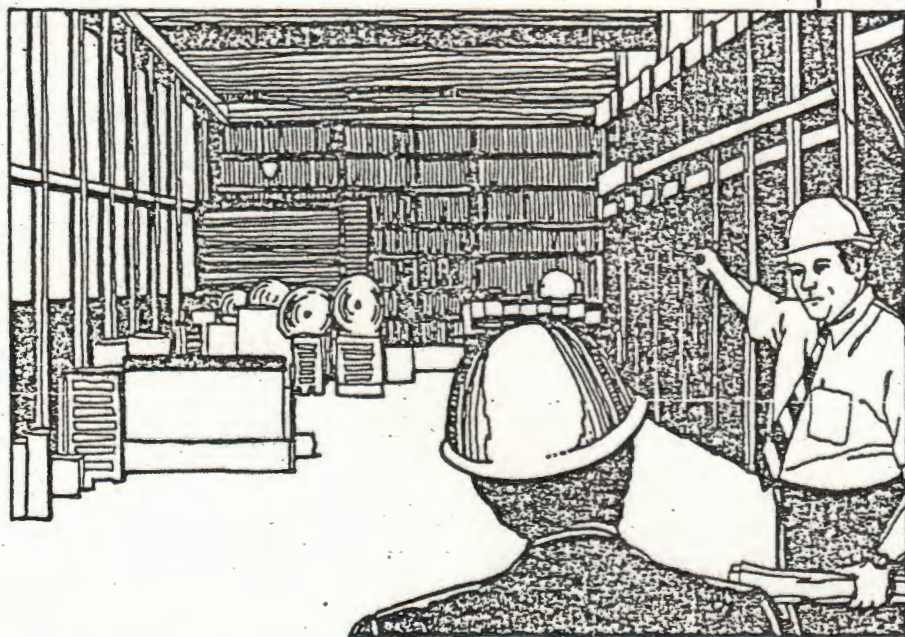
Others said union contractors are being forced to develop open shop capability in order to compete for contracts for industrial construction.

Many companies decried provisions of the 1976 tax law which, if implemented, will impose higher income taxes on U.S. engineers and construction supervisors on overseas assignments. They supported efforts of NCA and others in attempting to restore tax fairness for these individuals as a means of keeping American firms competitive in the world market for engineering design and construction services.

Government policies were cited by many respondents as a major adverse factor in the area of industrial construction. Aside from the open shop, income taxes for expatriates and the boycott, company executives cited economic and other policies pursued by the federal government, including legislative restraints and environmental considerations, as a serious obstacle to business growth and development.

Increasing availability of capital, on the other hand, was listed most frequently as a favorable factor.

With respect to foreign work, the Middle East took top billing as the most promising market for U.S. construction firms. Others were South America, Western Europe, the Far East, Africa, Eastern Europe and Canada.



In the area of domestic work, 11 companies said they anticipated more engineering design work in 1978 against seven who predicted less work, with the remainder indicating their volume would remain about the same. The figures on domestic construction work were 13 predicting more and seven less.

Those predicting bigger volumes for the new year submitted percentage estimates which averaged 24% for engineering and 15% for construction. The group prepared for lesser activity gave estimates averaging 14% less engineering work and 18% less construction.

Although recent studies have shown that the United States is losing its share of the overseas construction market, some NCA companies operating on an international

construction, respectively, with the estimated declines averaging 9 and 11%. The drop-off in foreign work was attributed in part to the special tax problems and other barriers encountered by U.S. firms in connection with obtaining work overseas. The long-range outlook

Looking beyond the current year, the long-range outlook, as seen by the chief executives, is bullish. Eighteen of the companies expect a greater volume of domestic work in 1979 in contrast with only three who are predicting a decrease. The figures for subsequent years are: 1980, 20 and 5; 1981, 18 and 5; 1982, 15 and 3.

In the category of foreign work, the long-range outlook was a bit less optimistic. For 1979, 14 look for more work with three expecting

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

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Dear Mr. Karter:

Thank you for your letter of February 27.

The problem of Black teenage unemployment is of great importance. We definitely need to expand private sector involvement in this area.

Black economists Thomas Sowell and Walter Williams argue convincingly that the root cause of youth, and particularly minority youth, unemployment is the minimum wage laws. The problem is that we have removed the bottom rung of the employment ladder, thus denying people the chance to get started upward.

I will pass the U.S. News & World Report letter you sent me on to others here.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Thomas R. Karter, Jr.
2516 N.E. 25th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

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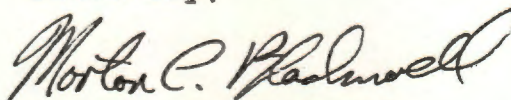
Dear Mrs. Mangum:

Thank you for sending me the first report on the concerns of North Carolina Indians by the A.N.C. Center on Public Policy Research. I am sure we will find this study useful in our work with the American Indian community.

I look forward to accepting your invitation to visit North Carolina soon. Western North Carolina is my favorite spot in the world.

If you have further information you would like to share with me, please feel free to send it on.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell

Special Assistant to the President

Mrs. Betty Oxendine Mangum
Director
Division of Indian Education
Department of Public Instruction
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, N.C. 27602

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

Dear Mr. Deene:

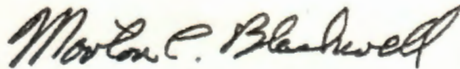
Mrs. Dole asked me to thank you for your letter of February 23.

I can assure you that this Administration is committed to maintaining quality health care and benefit levels for all veterans.

I have forwarded the interesting materials and the tape on World War II veterans you sent Mrs. Dole on to Administrator Robert Nimmo of the Veterans Administration.

If you have any other concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. F.J. Deene
108 Lake Shore Drive
Hallandale, FL 33009

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1982

Mr. Thomas Mack
Editor, FIRST READING
American Legislative Exchange Council
418 C St., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Mack:

I am pleased to respond to your February 11 request for information on the savings due to the President's program for devolving responsibility to State and local governments.

As you know, the President has outlined a long-range plan for sorting out responsibilities among levels of government. This New Federalism initiative, announced in the State of the Union message, is being preceded by proposals to consolidate categorical programs into block grants to the States.

Last summer, the President succeeded in gaining the enactment of nine block grants in the Omnibus Reconciliation Act. In addition, he is proposing several new or expanded block grants in the FY 1983 budget.

At this time, we can provide you with specific estimates of Federal administrative cost savings resulting from the nine enacted block grants, the proposed Education and Training and Child Welfare Block Grants, and the proposals to expand and simplify three existing HHS block grants covering Primary Care; Services for Women, Infants and Children; and Low-Income Home Energy and Emergency Assistance. These estimates, which are attached, total to \$90 million in savings during 1982-83.

Additional savings will result in 1983, 1984, and the outyears, as enacted block grants are fully implemented and proposed consolidations take effect.

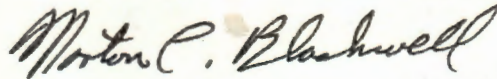
Specific estimates for other proposed new block grants will be available at a later date, as legislative proposals to achieve the consolidations are completed. Similarly, estimates of Federal personnel reductions due to consolidations will be available later.

As block grants already are yielding tangible savings at the Federal level, so will the President's New Federalism initiative result in further substantial decreases in the Federal establishment. A significant portion of the planned FY 1985-87 reduction of 75,000 Federal civilian employees is attributable to the New Federalism initiative.

The person at the White House in charge of developing the Administration's "Workfare" program is Robert Carleson of the Office of Policy Development. His telephone number is 456-6630.

I hope this information will be helpful to you and appreciate your interest in the President's proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morton C. Blackwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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March 24, 1982

Dear Ron:

Thank you for inviting me to the first Liberty Baptist College Understanding Politics Conference. I enjoyed participating in this excellent program.

Due to White House regulations, I am prohibited from accepting honorariums. As a result, I am returning, with thanks, the check you sent me.

Again, thanks for inviting me.

Cordially,

Morton

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Ronald S. Godwin, Ph. D.
Moral Majority, Inc.
499 S. Capitol St.
Suite 101
Washington, D.C. 20003

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1982

Dear Mr. Melvin:

I am glad the response has been good from the leaders you contacted in Washington to Valuing Analysis. I think you have a good program.

Please keep me posted of any developments.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Arthur I. Melvin
Century III Foundation
330 Oak Brook Rd.
Oak Brook, IL 60521

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1982

Dear Jim:

Now that they are about to break ground on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, I want to express my appreciation for the excellent way you handled the situation.

There were strong feelings on both sides, but your careful leadership resulted in a solution which was acceptable to almost everyone.

Thanks for a great job.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

The Honorable James Watt
Secretary of Interior
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1982

Dear Jim:

I'm looking forward to joining you at the ground breaking ceremony on Friday for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

You handled this delicate situation very well. The feelings on both sides ran high in the veterans community. We all took a little heat when you insisted on approval of the compromise by the Fine Arts Commission and the National Capitol Planning Commission before you authorized the ground breaking. This was the wise course of action, of course.

If you had authorized ground breaking, any subsequent hitch in approval by either commission would have opened us up to criticism by the critics of the original design. As a result of your action, we were able to focus all attention on the two commissions and to guarantee that the compromise, which was acceptable to almost everyone, was in fact carried out.

Thanks for a great job.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

The Honorable James Watt
Secretary of Interior
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1982

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Dear Jim:

As you know I am a Special Assistant to the President in the Office of Public Liaison. Our office has frequent dealings with a variety of groups in need of communications with the Department of the Interior.

I would appreciate if if you would designate someone at the Department of the Interior as your liaison with this office. As you know it is a common practice for such liaison personnel from departments and agencies whose work involves coordination with the White House to be physically located here.

I think this would be an excellent arrangement in this case, and I look forward to working more closely with you.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President

The Honorable James G. Watt
Department of the Interior
19th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 30, 1982

Ann
Tuition Tax
Credits

Dear Mrs. Duggan:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Dr. McGarry's study on Tuition Tax Credits. I have passed it on to Ann Fairbanks of the Office of Policy Development.

I enjoyed meeting Joe's famous, activist mother. Next time let's get together with the patriarch as well.

If you have any other information you would like to share with me, please pass it along.

Sincerely,

Morton

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mae Duggan
Citizens for Educational Freedom
2208 North Warson Road
St. Louis, MO 63114

cc: Ann Fairbanks

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1982

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Dear Mr. Murchison:

Thank you for inviting me to Dallas on April 21-22 for the STEP Foundation's meeting on private sector initiatives and church involvement in America's inner cities.

Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to attend this important event. I agree that private sector initiatives are the best way to respond to the needs of the poor. You will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Jepsen will make a presentation on the STEP Foundation at an April 13 meeting of more than 100 national religious leaders. This meeting will be chaired by the President.

Please keep me informed of your progress.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Clint W. Murchison, Jr.
6116 North Central Expressway
Suite 1400
Dallas, TX 75206

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1982

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Dear Mrs. Engel:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your concerns about U.S. family planning assistance. I appreciate your efforts to alert the Administration to possible problems in this important area of foreign aid.

The Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) has a declared policy that family planning assistance is provided only to those countries that request this form of aid and whose programs provide voluntary family planning services. As the articles you provided point out, many governments in the developing world are concerned about excessive population growth.

We share your concern that population assistance be properly coordinated with other programs of A.I.D. The effort to effect improvements in food production and distribution is a case in point. A.I.D. points out child spacing, for instance, works hand-in-hand with nutrition programs to improve maternal and child health.

A.I.D. has assured me that A.I.D. funds are not being used to support abortion activities. The Foreign Assistance Act prohibits the use of funds to pay for the performance of abortions or to encourage or coerce anyone to practice abortion. Moreover, since taking office, this Administration has taken firm administrative action to eliminate funding for training and research on methods of performing abortion. A.I.D. has developed strict guidance to ensure that the prohibition is fully enforced. A recent statement of A.I.D. Administrator M. Peter McPherson on this matter is enclosed.

Please let me know if my office can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mrs. Randy Engel, Director
United States Coalition for Life
Box 315
Export, PA 15632

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Sweeney
1423 Ala Naupaka Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney:

Thank you for your letter of December 31, 1981, to Mrs. Dole expressing concern over possible reductions in military retirement benefits. I asked the Department of Defense to advise me on the concerns raised in your letter.

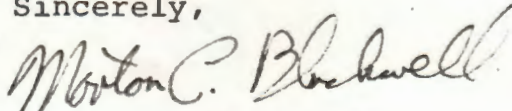
As you are probably now aware, the Department of Defense budget for fiscal 1983 proposes several changes in the military retirement system. The most significant of these is a limitation on the annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) for individuals whose retired pay exceeds the retired pay available under current pay scales. The objective of this change is to reach a point where the people on the retired rolls will not receive higher annuities than those about to retire.

Under current law military retired pay is adjusted by the full amount of any increase in the Consumer Price Index. On the other hand, active duty pay has increased at a slower rate. As a result, new retirees are finding their annuities much lower than the annuities of those who retired several years ago, even when their service history is identical.

The proposed changes will help correct this inequity and make military retirement more consistent with other Federal retirement programs. It will also reduce the incentive for valuable senior personnel to retire early.

I appreciate your interest and continued support of the President's economic program and national defense goals.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1982

Dear Mr. McKay:

Thank you for inviting me to the Saints and Sinners roast for Elizabeth Dole on March 10. My boss did us proud in her response.

I had a very enjoyable time.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President

Mr. Drew McKay
Vice President
Indian Head's Information Technology Group
P.O. Box 1417/C-50
Alexandria, VA 22313

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1982

The Honorable Penny Pullen
Republican State Representative, 4th District
22 Main Street
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Dear Penny:

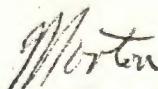
Thanks for the clipping about faux pas in the President's fund raising letters for Republican committees.

If any mass mail operation has avoided this kind of problem, I have never heard of it. You may be interested in a recent computer letter I received from "Democrats for the 80's". The letter was signed by Senator Frank Church. It began "Dear Morton". The thrust of the letter was that we must do something to defeat Republican candidates in 1982 because of the desperate situation created by the election of Ronald Reagan.

Former Senator Church's principal horror story was the large number of extreme right wingers the Reagan administration has hired. The letter provided a list of these dangerous appointees. I was amused to find myself on the list.

I think we have to roll with the punches on this and accept a little embarrassment from time to time. I remember that the National Right to Work Committee took in good spirit George Meany's facetious reply to a fund raising letter which had somehow been sent by them to him.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

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to Morton Blackwell -
these things keep recurring -
when are they going to straighten
up - or is it intentional?

**Bob
Greene**



Ask not from where Reagan letters come

LAST WEEK, when I wrote about the weird letter I got from President Reagan, I was feeling kind of unique.

As you may recall, the letter—with a Washington return address—began:

"Dear Mr. Greene:

"As your President, I am calling on you to make a most unusual sacrifice.

"Not the kind of sacrifice that a national emergency might require of you or your children or your grandchildren to protect our shores from invasion.

"I pray that will never happen—but today I still must ask you to volunteer."

Reagan's letter then asked me to "volunteer" to give money—specifically, \$120 to a committee dedicated to electing Republican senators.

The President kept referring to "we Republicans" and assured me that "I'm not asking everyone to join this club—only proud, flag-waving Americans like you who I know are willing to sacrifice to keep our nation strong."

I FOUND THIS rather curious, since I am registered to neither the Republican nor the Democratic party.

But after my column appeared, I learned that I was not the only person to be surprised at the mailbox.

In the suburb of Carol Stream, a 5-year-old girl named Amanda Viacara received a letter that began:

"Dear Ms. Viacara:

"As your President, I am calling upon you to make a most unusual sacrifice.

"Yep, Reagan was asking Amanda for money, as a fellow Republican."

Amanda wasn't alone at her house, though.

Her baby sister, Leah, 3, received her own "Dear Ms. Viacara" letter from Reagan, asking for another \$120.

In downtown Chicago, at the Midwest Bureau of Time Magazine, a letter from Washington came addressed to Time-Life News Service.

The letter began:

"Dear Mr. Service:

"As your President, I am calling on you to make a most unusual sacrifice.

In Wilmette, Mrs. Ione D. Cole opened a letter addressed to her husband, Edward H. Cole, again, telling Mr. Cole that the President was counting on him because "I'm not asking everyone to join this club—only proud, flag-waving Americans like you," etc.

Mrs. Cole was flattered that the President thought so highly of her husband, but she was a little bewildered.

He has been dead since 1979.

It went. All kinds of unlikely addressees—from politically unregistered newspaper columnists, to suburban babies, to magazine offices, to deceased citizens—were having the arm put on them by Reagan, under the assumption they were all Republicans.

I called the White House to ask why.

"Hmmm," said a spokesman in the press office.

I said that I didn't know too much about Washington politics but that the whole thing sounded pretty dumb to me.

"It sure does," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that Republican fund-raisers were responsible for getting the letters sent out, but "I don't know how they handle that."

So I talked to a woman named Betsy Strong, an aide in the White House Office for Political Affairs. I prefaced our discussion by saying that I had received the letter from Reagan even though I wasn't a member of the Republican party.

"Do you want to join?" she said.

I declined politely and detailed for her the information about the kinds of recipients who were receiving the President's letter.

"I'll tell you the truth: I don't know how that is handled," she said.

So I called the National Republican Senatorial Committee—the group that oversees the fund-raising.

There, a spokesman named Bob Pipkin told me that I had come to the right place. That office was where the letters were emanating.

I went through my story again. I told him that the letters looked very authentic—they were neatly typed; they were on high-quality paper; the President's signature looked genuine. Anyone receiving the letter could be excused for thinking the President really had singled him out.

"I don't know exactly how these kinds of things could be happening," Pipkin said. "Any time you do a direct-mail project, you're bound to get screwups."

Yes, I said, but there are direct mailings, and there are direct mailings. This one was from the President of the United States. Just how did President Reagan happen to send a letter to me, to the babies in Carol Stream, to the Time bureau, to the late Mr. Cole?

Just where was the President getting his mailing lists?

"That's proprietary information," Pipkin said.

"It's what?" I said.

"It comes under the category of proprietary information," he said.

"What does proprietary information mean?" I said.

"Well, I don't have my dictionary in front of me,"

Pipkin said, "But the specifics of where we get our names are proprietary. That means we will talk about them generally, but not in detail."

I asked him how all of us could have received those letters.

"I don't know," he said. "I don't know what magazines you subscribe to or what mailing list might happen to have your name."

"Where do you get the mailing lists?" I said.

"We buy them," he said. "We buy the computer tape. We don't get the names on long legal pages or anything."

"Just buy the computer tapes, and that's our list,"

I asked what kind of mailing list two suburban babies might be on.

"I wouldn't want to speculate," he said. "Maybe their parents set up trust funds for them or something, and we purchased the list from a financial entity. We're dealing with a lot of pieces of mail here."

I had a number of other questions about the Reagan letter. But I had a funny feeling that I didn't really want to know the answers.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 7, 1982

Dear John:

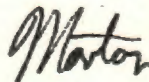
Thank you for your letter of April 5.

I would be glad to help you look for employment in Washington. Please contact my office at (202) 456-2657 to set up an appointment with me. You should plan on spending two weeks in Washington job hunting.

I have enclosed two Conservative Digest articles I wrote on staffing the conservative movement.

I look forward to seeing you shortly. This is a great time for young conservatives to get good jobs.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. John K. Goodwin
A Blair Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, N.J. 08544

April 13, 1982

Dear Phillip:

I am working up a proposal for a Presidential meeting relating to economic development on Indian reservations.

We have had a number of meetings for the President cosponsored by our White House Office of Public Liaison and the Presidential Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives. My proposal will be for an analogous meeting concentrating on the process of private sector job creation on tribal reservations.

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I would greatly appreciate your making recommendations in any or all of the following three categories:

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I have discussed this with leaders of the Presidential Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives. They are anxious to cooperate.

Would you please give me your recommendation by Tuesday, April 20? We are shooting for a May meeting.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant
to the President

Chief Phillip Martin
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Tribal Office Building
Route 7, Box 21
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

April 13, 1982

Dear Louis:

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Special Assistant
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Mr. Louis Bruce
Native American Consultants
725 Second Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

April 13, 1982

Dear Ken:

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Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Ken Smith
Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
19th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

April 13, 1982

Dear Charles:

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Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Charles Trimble
Charles Trimble Company
Suite 905
200 North Glebe Road
Arlington, Virginia 22203

April 13, 1982

Dear Joe:

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Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Joe De La Cruz
President
National Congress of American Indians
202 E Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

April 13, 1982

Dear Alice:

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Special Assistant
to the President

Miss Alice McGill
2130 P Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

April 13, 1982

Dear Peter:

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Special Assistant
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Mr. Peter MacDonald
Chairman
The Navajo Nation
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

April 13, 1982

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Special Assistant
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Mr. Dallas Merrill
13917 Crest Hill Lane
Silver Spring, Maryland

April 13, 1982

Dear Gunilla:

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The proposed format will be joint presentations by tribal leadership and companies which have had successful experience in establishing manufacturing or other business facilities on reservations. There would be a briefing in the morning including, possibly, a meeting with the President or Cabinet officers.

In addition to those making presentations on their successful past experience, we would have perhaps as many as 50 leaders from Indian country and decision makers from 50 major corporations who might be encouraged to begin new ventures based on what they would learn at the briefings.

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2. appropriate leadership from Indian country who should be invited;
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I have discussed this with leaders of the Presidential Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives. They are anxious to cooperate.

Would you please give me your recommendation by Tuesday, April 20? We are shooting for a May meeting.

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